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*MODERATO.*

VOICE.

PIANO.

*ritard.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'MODERATO.' The voice part is on a single staff, and the piano part is on two staves. The piano accompaniment features a consistent eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. The voice melody begins in the second measure. The score concludes with a 'ritard.' (ritardando) instruction in the piano part.

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## CANTABILE

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1. Gently down the stream of time, Floats our bark to-ward the  
 2. Yonder on the gold-en shore, Forms un-seen arechanting

sea, Sweet-ly peals the evening chime, Hear it  
 low, Strains we loved in days of yore, Mem-o-

echo..... wild and free, Friends have gone, ties have been  
 ries of..... long a - go, Voi - ces now are hush'd for

broken..... Fears and doubts and hopes sub - lime Careless  
 ev-er..... Tears and flowers strew their graves, And this

words tho' i-dly spoken... Liesleeping 'neath the sea of time, Careless  
migh - ty rushing river.... Buries all beneath its wave, And this

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migh - - ty rushing river.... Buries all beneath its wave.....

CHORUS.

*Il Canto marcato.*

AIR.

Gently down..... the stream of Time..... Floats our

ALTO.

*p* Gently down the stream of Time,

TENOR.

*p* Gently down the stream of Time,

BASS.

*p*

PIANO

bark..... toward the sea..... Sweet-ly peals..... the ev'ning

Floats our bark toward the sea, Sweet-ly peals

Floats our bark toward the sea, Sweet-ly peals

chime..... Hear its echo..... wild and free.....

the evening chime, echo, wild and free.

the evening chime, echo, wild and free.



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Wafted on in changeful swells,  
While the sunbeams slowly fading,  
Comes the sound of chiming bells.  
Memories in my heart are stealing,  
Thoughts of other happy times;  
Dreams of loved ones who have wandered  
Far away from those sweet chimings.

Chorus.—Oh, chiming bells, your music tells  
The sweetest tales to me,  
So ring your chiming in happy rhymes,  
O'er valley, mead and lee.

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Down the river, down the river,  
In our little boat we glide;  
And our hair as white as snow-flake,  
Mingles with the rushing tide.  
Oh, the flowers that bloomed around us,  
While life's voyage we began,  
Faded now, are floating by us,  
Sadly sinking one by one.

Chorus.—We are floating, darling, floating,  
Down the river lone and long,  
Looking far beyond the shadows,  
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